



**The Clench of the Stark Fist of Removal™
(The Fisters™)**

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Dear Abnormal Friend, fellow-traveller in the bizarre:

Has it ever occurred to you that something is in short supply in your life? Something important? Something like... free time?

Maybe, you say, but, but... there's more to it than that. Freedom, maybe? Freedom to be weird? Freedom from stress?

We're getting close, aren't we? Maybe there's one concept that enfolds all these things as the Great Blank Envelope enfolds the Universe. There's one word for all that's in short supply in your life. Slack!

Why is Slack in short supply? Well, people without Slack are more manageable. And if your boss is giving you a hard time, and you have no Slack, what can you do? Quit? You think you'll have lots of Slack then, but face it, you won't. Because you'll have no money, and without money you'll have no Slack at all. In short, the less Slack you have, the less Slack you will have.

Maybe your lack of Slack isn't an accident at all. Maybe ~~all~~ of our bosses, all the powerful people in the world, don't want you to have Slack. Maybe they'd all like to steal your Slack. Maybe there's a Slack-stealing Conspiracy.

What to do about the Conspiracy stealing your Slack? You need it, and they don't want you to have it.

Maybe there's a person who can show you how to get more Slack.

And maybe, just maybe, that person is "Bob." J.R. "Bob" Dobbs, High Epopt of the Church of the SubGenius. He's not a god. He's not a saint. He's just a man. And he may be the last damn chance we have.

Slack is your lifeblood. The Conspiracy is trying to steal your Slack. "Bob" can help. These are the "holy trilogy" of the Church of the SubGenius.

I was talking with a friend the other day about the Church of the

SubGenius and the sorry state of religion in America. We talked about the tv ministry, how a group of ignorant pinkhumans crazed with greed have infected millions of helpless Americans with malignant electro-virus. We talked about how sick we were of seeing Tammy Faye's mud-caked face and listening to Oral Roberts' semi-psychotic croonings.

Finally he turned to me and said, "You'd think after all this 'organized religion' shit that someone'd want to participate in a *disorganized* one, wouldn't you?"

The idea of a *disorganized* religion sums up the Church of the SubGenius about as well as anything I've ever heard.

After all the theological drivel of the last few years, doesn't the idea of a "disorganized religion" begin to look mighty good? Interested? If you are interested, if you want to be served up a great big helping of Slack, I urge you to find out more about the Church. All it takes is \$1, sent to:

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That \$1 is not a donation! That \$1 brings you a slick, Slack, profusely-illustrated and astoundingly informative 16-page pamphlet that will make your Third Nostril twitch! I'm *serious*! You *need* to read this pamphlet!

And if you're *really* interested, reply to this letter. Tell me what you think. And I'll put you on the mailing list for the Clench of the Stark Fist of Removal™, so you'll find out about any new, weird, twisted stuff that goes on down here in our wonderful cultural wasteland.

One more thing I have to tell you. Like I said, this is a disorganized religion. Unlike most middle-ground namby-pamby safe *normal* religions, you don't take The Church of the SubGenius seriously... more than once. Or, as a colleague of mine, The Reverend with No Name, put it... "Take the Church seriously. But don't take the seriously seriously. "

Praise Bob! Καλλιστι!

“The Rev”

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